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Golf Course Development Plans Revealed



Public notice of the Volstruisvlei development on the Golf Club's fence (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

- Linda Jaquet -

Details of the proposed 'Volstruisvlei development' have been made known. Public documents reveal that the development provides for 'gap housing', a business site and a community facility on Prince Albert's current golf course, owned by the Prince Albert Golf Club. A new nine-hole golf course, 175 private homes and recreation facilities are planned for the farm, Volstruisvlei, on the north-eastern edge of the town. Farming will continue on some parcels of land on the proposed new golf course.

The project developer, P&A Fruit Farms (Pty) Ltd registered in the name of Faan Hartzer and I D Vorster, has appointed Sharples Environmental Services (SES) in George to conduct the environmental impact assessment (EIA) process for the Volstruisvlei development. The EIA process is determined by the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 or NEMA, which requires that a development of this nature must be subject to a basic assessment followed by a public participation process.

The basic assessment lists several activities planned for the Volstruisvlei development that need the approval of one or

more government departments. According to SES, these include the transformation of land, bigger than 1000 sqmetres zoned as open space or conservation, to residential, retail or other use, as well as the clearance of one hectare or more of vegetation where 75% or more of the vegetation is indigenous. The farm, Volstruisvlei, is zoned for agricultural use.

SES has sent written invitations to Prince Albert residents whose properties are adjacent to the proposed development to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) by 8 March 2012. The invitation is also open to other residents and organisations that believe that they have an interest in the project and want to comment on or raise concerns about it. As required by the NEMA, notice of the development has been put up on the fence near the Golf Course entrance.

Marion Schaaf told the *Friend* that SES had placed an advertisement in the Southern Cape edition of *Die Burger* on 16 February 2012 alerting interested and affected parties of the 21 days notice to register. She stressed that should anyone wish to register after 8 March they could apply to do so. Schaaf also said that SES would hold an 'open day' in Prince Albert where the specialists concerned would be available to answer questions.

"The next step," Schaaf explained, "is the summarising of all feedback from the registered I&APs in a Comments and Response Report. This will form part of a draft Scoping Report for public review which will also include details of the proposed development, its location, the environment, etc." SES plans to give notice of the availability of the Scoping Report in the *Friend* and will give registered I&APs 40 days to comment on it.

SES's application for an exemption from advertising the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning's decision regarding the



proposed development has caused comment and consternation among Prince Albert residents. Schaaf explained that NEMA requires that registered I&APs have seven days to review the Department's decision and that placing an advertisement in a local newspaper that is not a daily would pose problems. However, she undertook that SES would inform every I&AP of the official outcome of the application.

Schaaf defined 'gap housing' as the "in between housing market", residents who are possibly looking to buy their first property and who can afford bond repayments at a lower level of affordability. She was unsure whether the developer would have to apply for consolidation of the several separate erven on which the proposed golf course estate is planned, stating that that was part of a separate planning process.

RenuKaroo's Dr Sue Milton-Dean told the *Friend* that she felt that "every person in Prince Albert who uses water, and drinks tap water, should register as an I&AP because of the development's potential impact on the town's resources and on the environment."

Asked to comment, ID Vorster claimed the development was ecologically justifiable: It would play a significant role in the economic growth and the community development of the town, he said, and therefore would be environmentally sustainable.

In order to find out more or to register as an I&AP, contact Marion Schaaf of Sharples Environmental Services on 044 873-4923 or info@sesc.net

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as ek U dien en U wil gehoorsaam.
Amen.”

Uit: 'n Ryk oes aan seëning – Nina Smit

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Attje Schönborn

Toe ek in 1992 in die biblioteek begin werk het, het ek vir tannie Attje hier kom kry. Seker die beste leermeester waarvoor enige bibliotekaresse kan vra! Alles moes perfek en op tyd wees, en daarvan het haar werk oor al die jare in die biblioteek getuig.

Sy was nog vir jare nadat ek begin werk het die aflos-bibliotekaresse. Ek kon haar enige tyd van die dag bel as ek haar nodig het, en sy was maar net altyd gewillig om dadelik in te spring en te help.

Nadat sy bedank het uit haar pos as aflos by die biblioteek, het sy nog vir jare op die Biblioteekvriende komitee gedien.

Ons weet die biblioteek het haar altyd baie na aan die hart gelê, en sy het haar liefde vir boeke en mense uitgeleef elke oomblik hier by ons.

Ons sal haar mis en altyd aan haar dink as die ware dame wat sy altyd was!

Reinie Smit

Munisipaliteit se aanmaningsbriewe

Die kantoor van die Burgemeester wil graag soos volg reageer op die reaksie ontvang ten opsigte van die aanmaningsbriewe wat die Prince Albert Munisipaliteit aan alle inwoners gestuur het.

Die Raad het tydens 'n Raadsvergadering besluit dat die Departement Finansies aanmaningsbriewe aan al ons debiteure stuur om hulle te herinner aan hul uitstaande skuld, asook om die nodige reëlins te kom tref, indien nodig.

Ten tye van die druk van die aanmanings, 09 Januarie 2012, het van die debiteure alreeds hul maandelikse rekeninge vereffen. Briewe is op daardie stadium reeds gedruk en versend aan alle

inwoners. Dit kon dus gebeur het dat u 'n aanmaning ontvang het terwyl u rekening vir die betrokke maand betaal was. U ongelukkigheid ten tyde van die ontvangs is dus te verstane.

Die laaste gedeelte van die aanmaning, soos normaalweg met enige aanmaning, spesifiseer uitdruklik dat indien u wel op datum is met u betalings, u die aanmaning moet ignoreer.

Ons wil egter ook noem dat die aanmanings 'n positiewe reaksie op die betaling van rekenings veroorsaak het en dat baie mense wel kom reëlins tref het.

Ten laaste wil ek ook graag as Burgemeester alle getroue betalers bedank vir u lojale ondersteuning aan die Munisipaliteit.

Hiermee vertrou ek dat alle ongelukkigheid uit die weg geruim kan word en dat ons saam sal probeer om Prince Albert die beste en mooiste dorp in die streek te maak.

Enige kommentaar rakende hierdie kwessie is meer as welkom en soos tot op datum, aanvaar ons die kommentaar in 'n baie positiewe gees.

*Goliath Lottering
Uitvoerende Burgemeester*

Remember the team behind the *Friend*

It is always constructive to remind readers of the *Friend* how the town's newspaper operates.

This is its 100th year in existence [although not published every year] and it has a tenacity to endure!

Endurance is needed by ALL our voluntary journalists who interview and meet monthly, to plan, write, edit the whole paper – for NIX!

Kerneels, who does the layout of the newspaper, is paid and so is Cornie, who works with a small team, folding the paper. They walk from one pile of pages

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~ SPECIAL THANKS ~

With regard to the passing of PAT BLAKE in late January, we would like to extend our heart-felt appreciation & thank you to ALL for the support, messages, prayers, delicious snacks, cakes & meals, beautiful flowers & roses sent and general loving kindness displayed during this time.



*With love and sincere gratitude from
Karen, Diane, Chantal, Norma & Lauren*

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to the next, collating the sheets in order and then folding them in half to produce 600 newspapers. This is when the odd blank page sneaks in, so don't be upset if you get one, we will replace your paper!! A rather archaic method, but having it folded by the printers is pricey and we try hard to keep the *Friend* affordable for all.

We endeavour to have the paper on the streets at the end of the month, but sometimes living in the Karoo has its [dis] advantages. It is usually such a good read that I am sure people only complain as they may be missing something interesting!

Cornie also packs, invoices and delivers to all the sellers, to whom we are very grateful as they sell it at no cost to the reader or us. Thank you, sellers.

The advertisers are also invoiced by Cornie and on the whole, pay on time. We would kindly remind those that delay in paying to do so, so that we can pay the

printers. Cornie should not have to remind anyone.

I use the word "we" as many people in Prince Albert have served on this paper as well.

So on behalf of the readers, I would like to thank the editor and her colleagues for an interesting, great little newspaper, our *Friend*.

Di v d R Steyn

Prince Albert Tourism Association

Property buyer's rights

'Be property wise - Know your rights' (January/February 2012) gives an incomplete picture.

The appointment of a conveyancing attorney is something of mutual agreement by the two parties and the buyer has every right in stating his wish to use his own attorney when making out an offer to purchase.

If the seller agrees, so be it. Remember that, as a buyer, you can make up any offer you like that is legal and acceptable to a seller. Furthermore, the buyer is paying the transfer costs and the attorney's conveyancing fees so it may well be best to protect your rights by requesting the use of your attorney.

Lastly, if the same attorney (yours or theirs) is doing both the bond registration and the transfer, don't be shy in asking for a discount for his services.

And finally: Always, always, always get a good attorney to check your offer to purchase before you sign it, no matter how many times you might have done it before. Rather 'safe than sorry.'

William Penfold

Appointing a Conveyancer

'Be Property Wise - Know Your Rights' - January/February 2012 is quite right

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Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

- Hans Daehne -

In Maart het ons op die 20ste reeds ons herfs dag-en-nag-ewening, wat beteken dat van dan af die nagte langer word as die dae – ideaal vir sterrekyk. In die herfs het ons ook nog die moontlikheid om die laaste van die mooi somer konstellasie in die vroeë aandure te besigtig in die Noord-Weste, tesame met die vroeë winterkonstellasies in die laatnag in die Noord-Ooste.

Dit beteken die jagter Orion met sy twee honde Canis major en Canis minor staan nog duidelik uit, maar die gelyksydige somerdriehoek bestaande uit Betelgeuse, Sirius en Procyon sink nou in die Weste want die somer is verby. Daarvoor staan of beter lê die Leeu nou prominent hoog in die Noord-Ooste, en hierdie jaar huisves dié sterrebeeld weer die helder, rooi Mars wat op die 3de Maart in opposisie tot Son staan en dus op sy helderste (mag. - 1.2) vir die volgende twee jaar sal wees.

Na Leo volg Virgo en hierin is die helder Saturnus te vinde. Daarna is dit nie meer ver na die duidelikste en helderste winterkonstellasie van die Skerpioen en na Glühwein-tyd.

Van die begin tot aan die einde van Maart kan die relatief vinnige beweging van die planete, soos gesien vanaf die vinnig bewegende Aarde, dopgehou word as mens elke aand na die afstande tussen Venus en Jupiter oplet. Hulle beweeg eers na mekaar toe en dan weer weg van mekaar af, terwyl Venus altyd die helderste een bly. Hulle okkulteer (verberg) mekaar nie, omdat Venus 3 grade uit die Ekliptika geleë is weens 'n yslike botsing met 'n asteroïd in die jeug van Venus. Dit het ook aanleiding gegee tot Venus se ashelling van omtrent 180 grade.

Teen die einde van Maart is daar twee planeet-ster-pare opsigtelik wat gevorm word deur Mars en Regulus en Saturnus en Spica. Almal is blote oog objekte, maar watter een is watter een? Saturnus neem ook toe in helderheid tot mag. 0.2 op pad na sy opposisie tot die Son wat hy

op die 15 de April sal bereik.

Die verloop van die denkbeeldige lyn van die ekliptika kan nou maklik gevolg word deur die volgende "punte" met mekaar te verbind: Son (na sononder) – Venus – Jupiter – Regulus – Mars – Spica – Saturnus.

Volmaan is op die 8ste en Nuwemaan op die 22ste Maart.

In die Suide is die drie kruise nou mooi hoog bokant die horison sigbaar en almal behoort hulle maklik te herken. Beginnende van oos na wes het ons eers die Suiderkruis wat aangedui word deur die twee helder wysersterre α en β Centauri. Die Suiderkruis is die kleinste maar, helderste van al die 88 konstellasies, daarna volg die langgestrekte Diamantkruis waarvan die na suid-wes verlengde lang-as na die Groot Magellaanse Wolk lei.

Laasgenoemde is ons naaste buurgalaksie op 'n afstand van 160,000 ligjaar. Die daaropvolgende Valskruis word uit twee sterre van Carina en twee sterre van Vela saamgestel, m.a.w. waar die Kiel aan die Seil grens, het ons die Valskruis. Die Valskruis het ook twee "vals wysersterre" aan die westelike kant, en die helderder een naaste aan die Valskruis is so helder omdat dit 'n veelvoudige stersisteem is. Die ster staan ook bekend as Gamma Velorum en sy eienaam is deesdae Regor, terwyl dit in die verlede Suheil was.

Dié naamsverandering het 'n interessante geskiedenis, want dit is vernoem na 'n ruimte-reisiger wat nooit die Aarde verlaat het nie. Die bemanning van Apollo 1 wou γ Velorum as navigasiester gebruik, maar omdat Lambda Velorum se naam ook Suhail is, het die leier van die sending Gus Grissom γ Velorum na sy spanmaat Roger Chaffee (Roger omgedraai = Regor) herdoop. Op 27 Januarie 1967 het al drie bemanningslede van Apollo 1 (Gus Grissom, Roger Chaffee en Edward White) egter in 'n brand van hul vuurpyl omgekom..... en die naam Regor het gebly.

Hou die sterre in u oë!



FUTURE EVENTS

Maart 2012

2 & 3 March: Stargazing with Astro Tours
7 March: Garden Club visits Karoo Looms, 10h00

14 March: Mohair Information Meeting, Bush Pub, 18:00. Gay van Hasselt – 082 5631465

15 March: Angora Goat Production Sale, Agricultural Showgrounds, 11:00. Cassie Carstens – 082 8549208

16 & 17 March: Stargazing with Astro Tours

16 – 18 Maart: 'Soeke na Betekenis' met ds Danie du Toit

23 March: Zwartberg Runners, Fun Relay, Lazy Lizard, 18:30

23 & 24 Maart: Sterrekyk met Astro Tours

24 Maart: Voëlkyk op Abrahamskraal met Japie Claassen

26 – 30 Maart: Huis Kweekvallei, Verjaarsdagvieringe

31 Maart – 7 April: KKNK, Oudtshoorn

April 2012

19 – 22 April: Louis Botha's photography course

27 – 28 April: Prince Albert Olyffees

Mei 2012

9 May: Fransie Pienaar Museum AGM

25 May – 3 June: Creative Prince Albert



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Brett the Vet: Relative Might

Africa at its apparent darkest holds fear and excitement in the minds of many visitors (and residents) who entertain ominous dread of powerful and indeed potentially dangerous animals. But often it's only during a visit that people discover the big five or ten odd remaining trophies kept safe and vulnerable while it is the seemingly insignificant insects, arachnids, bacteria, and viruses that wield the greatest power over human and other animal life.

Susceptibility holds the key to understanding the apparent weakness that allows victims to succumb to detrimental forces in nature. Optimal health is a complex balance between physical vigour, mental alertness, and emotional stability. These aspects of living creatures are affected by nutrition, the environment, and state of mind, which therefore directly affect the individual's ability to avoid, resist, or overcome negative influences.

The idea of large predators tends to

stimulate deeply instinctive fantasies about dominance and submission in the human psyche. Although these days The King of beasts is raised as a mere pale pussy cat waiting his turn to be propped up on a conveniently located pedestal in the veld, not to be respected or admired, but for assassination at point blank range, for pleasure. He is stripped of his attire, and crucified inert, only to be mocked and belittled as part of a puerile exhibitionist exercise in jock satisfaction.

The general public clearly prefers luscious lamb to the notion of preserving *Panthera pardus*. A succulent chop on a plate is apparently much more desirable than allowing lurking leopards the luxury of peaceful existence. This is evident in the vast ovine flocks that continue to destroy our landscape, the demise of the awesome cats and the population explosion of lesser predators such as jackals and lynx.

Now the real menace is the seemingly mundane odd little spider with its lethal

bite, or bats in the roofs that harbour the rabies virus, or wild birds spreading avian flu. Scorpions have an affinity for cotton sheets and smelly shoes, sneaking into their depths unnoticed until somewhat alarmingly unexpected contact. Certain mosquitoes can transmit one of the greatest global killer diseases known to man. Smaller still are gnats that can pass on myriad deadly diseases to animals such as Rift Valley Fever, which can also strike humans.

Particularly odious to nouveau rural sensibilities are ticks of which there are twenty-six species in South Africa. If there is anything good to say about ticks it is that they are a source of food for some of our beautiful wild birds. Some species are capable of transmitting serious protozoal and rickettsial diseases to cows, sheep, horses, birds, cats, dogs, and man. Of current local interest is one rare species of tick exhibiting beautiful markings, large mouthparts and stripy legs that secretes a cytotoxic poison into the flesh where it bites.

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NEW
PRICE: R1 300 000 neg.

In authentic Karoo style in a cul de sac, this home with double garage has 3 bedrooms, TV room, a bathroom (with shower), an airy kitchen with dover stove and a spacious dining room. The living room leads onto a cosy stoep, with wooden floors and sash windows adding to the appeal, as does the borehole, dam and irrigation system. Erf size: 2000 SQM.


NEW
PRICE: R1 650 000 neg.

Perched on 2 adjacent erfs (972- and 929 SQM respectively) on the eastern outskirts of town with indigenous garden and sheltered stoep, this is an ideal country home. There are 3 comfortable bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and lounge and dining room. The spacious outbuildings with 2 garages attached add valuable space to this sizable property.


NEW
PRICE: R1 650 000 neg.

Another country gem with two magnificent verandahs. Looking out on Church street, it has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a separate Granny flat with bathroom. The kitchen leads to an open-plan dining area, and wooden floors, reed ceilings and sash windows add to its charm. With borehole, outbuildings, 2 carports and lush garden.


NEW
PRICE: R2 150 000 neg.

One of a kind, this recent addition overlooks a sparkling pool and distant hills. Two en-suite bedrooms, with a spacious double-volume living space (lounge, dining area and kitchen), and cool cement floors, sash windows and shutters throughout. Garage, wine room, study and a loft studio round it all off, as does the garden with grey water system.


NEW
PRICE: R2 750 000 neg.

This grand old lady has it all. High beamed ceilings, a loft, wooden floors, spacious rooms and one of 2 verandahs looking out on a the original barn in the back. Comprising 300 SQM, the house has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a private lounge, informal lounge, dining room, loft and a roomy kitchen with Aga stove and pantry. Erf size is 1500 SQM.


Ria Steyn

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Museumnuus: “Amateur Opvoedkundiges”



San-jagters...een met 'n hedendaagse twakpil!
(Foto: Departement van Kultuursake en Sport)

Einde Januarie ontvang kurator Lydia Barrella 'n versoek van juffrou Theresa de Wit van Zwartberg Hoër dat haar graad 7's die Museum se fossielversameling kom besoek. Daar en dan bemark Lydia die Fransie se opvoedkundige programme vir graad 5-7 leerders - wat handel oor Palaeontologie, San- en Khoi-geskiedenis en Medisinalle plante - en 'n afspraak word gemaak vir 8 Februarie om 11h30.

Die twee “Amateur Opvoeders” by die museum wag hulle die Woensdagoggend in. Melony Moos en Christeline Esterhuizen het in November 2011 interne opleiding ontvang by Barry Jooste, Departementale Opvoedkundige by die Dias Museum in Mosselbaai. Natuurlik is die twee senuagtig om hul eerste les aan te bied voor 'n klas van sowat twintig graad 7 leerders, maar tog staan hulle met 'n vonkel in die oog gereed.

11h30 is 'n warm tyd op 'n somersdag en terwyl Lydia die leerders eers 'n lafenis en 'n warm welkom aanbied, word die skootrekenaar en projektor geaktiveer in die klubkamer agter die Museum. Christeline is eerste aan die woord met 'n kort lesing oor Palaeontologie en 'n praktiese taak. 'n Besoek aan en verduideliking van die fossieluitstalling in die Roy Oosthuizen Kamer rond die Palaeontologie-les af.

Haar opmerking? “Ek haal my hoed af vir opvoeders, maar nee dankie vir 'n permanente pos in die onderwys - al het ek die

aanbieding geniet!”

Volgende aan die beurt is “juffrou” Melony met ons voorouers, die San en Khoi. Haar aanbieding verloop lag-lag met die San foto's op die skerm. Aanskou so voor u geestesoog 'n manlike San met 'n heden-daagse twakpil (self gerolde, met koerantpapier, sigaret) in sy mond? Daarna het sy hulle geneem op 'n tog deur die museum se uitstalling van San en Khoi, waar hulle kon sien en ervaar wat hulle gehoor het.

Hier volg Melony se kommentaar oor haar ondervinding: “Ek was baie gespanne om met so 'n groot aantal leerders te werk, maar ek het dit oorleef en sal graag weer my lyf wil ‘juffrou’ hou!”

Hiermee wil ons graag al ons skole uitnooi om te kom ondervind wat die Fransie aanbied met betrekking tot ons Opvoedkundige Programme.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

KENNISGEWING NOMMER 8/2012

VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA

**ERF 1835, DE BEERSTRAAT 8, PRINS ALBERT
ME. PAM WESSELS**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van die volgende Gastehuis Eienaar ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die dorpsaanlegskema.

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Naam: | Pam Wessels |
| Adres: | De Beerstraat 8, Prins Albert |
| Gastehuis: | Vergeet-My-Niet |
| Erf no: | 1835 |
| Doel van Aansoek: | Bedryf van 'n gastehuis |

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 16 MAART 2012** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE NUMBER 8/2012

PROPOSED DEPARTURE OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME

**ERF 1835, 8 DE BEER STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
MS. PAM WESSELS**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from the following Guest House Owner for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Name: | Pam Wessels |
| Address: | 8 De Beer Street, Prince Albert |
| Guest House: | Vergeet-My-Niet |
| Erf no: | 1835 |
| Reason for application: | To practice a guest house |

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 16th MARCH 2012**.

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R 1,3m—Sole Mandate

Superb Karoo cottage in sought after position! Two bedrooms, good sitting room, dining room and compact kitchen. Beautiful original features, including reed and poplar beam ceilings, yellowwood doors and frames, sash windows and cool slate and tiled floors. Artists studio in the garden, with single garage and separate staff toilet. The garden is a magical mix of mature trees, stone paving and peaceful natural rock features. Very special indeed!


R 1,24m

Position! Position! Position! Compact two bedroom two bathroom open plan cottage perched at the very top end of town beneath the koppie. Cleverly designed with internal courtyard dividing the bedrooms, this home has lovely open plan living/dining area with fireplace, flowing to open well fitted kitchen. Great opportunity to purchase this little gem as a perfect hideaway in town. Loads of potential for expansion and enhancement in the future!


R 1,05m

Lovely brakdak style home in very central position offering loads of charm and eccentric interest. Very beautiful original reed ceilings with poplar beams are perfectly preserved - three bedrooms with two bathrooms, and inter leading living and dining areas - large eat in kitchen with separate scullery area. The grounds of 700m² provide ample space for children and pets, and there is a shaded pergola for relaxation and reflection.

R 1,3m

Exceptional charm and character in this farm yard style property in the centre of the town! With three bedrooms, family bathroom, country kitchen and superb indoor/outdoor living areas, this home has it all. The garden of approximately 2000m² is well developed, with borehole, stone and iron shed and various fruit trees and veggie patches! The home retains many of its original features, with reed ceilings in places, sash windows, and lots of old world charm. Wander from the gate to the koppie—it is on your boundary!


R 3,95m

Superb residence on 0.5ha of prime land with abundant water, olive grove and citrus trees. Home of generous proportions with three beds and baths, huge open plan living and dining area serviced by excellent kitchen and utility areas. Central heating and air conditioning, under floor heating and fan assisted fireplace in living area. Huge undercover verandahs, and guest cottage in the garden!

Prince Albert as a Transition Town

“A clean town that works for everyone” / “'n Skoon dorp wat vir almal werk”

- Helene Smit & Imke Maeyer -

On 10 February, about 22 people held a meeting at Hoërskool Zwartberg to discuss the possibility of Prince Albert becoming a “Transition Town”. It was agreed that we would communicate the ideas to everyone in Prince Albert and see who else is interested in getting involved.

Die wêreldwye “oorgangsdorp” beweging is in antwoord op twee van die groot uitdagings wat ons as mense in die gesig staar en wat ons manier van lewe in die toekoms aansienlik mag verander:

- Ten eerste klimaatsverandering. Ons weet dat die aarde se klimaat vinnig aan die verander is, ons weet egter nie hoe dit ons presies gaan beïnvloed nie.
- Tweedens weet ons dat die wêreld se energiereserwes vinnig besig is om weg te kwyne en dat ons ons afhanklikheid van olie en oliebasis produkte moet verander.

The “transition town” movement was started by a man called Rob Hopkins and some of his students in the town of Kinsale in Ireland who were concerned about these challenges. They developed a plan which set out how Kinsale could make the transition from a high-energy consumption town to a low energy one. In 2005, the town council adopted this plan unanimously. Hopkins himself later became a leader in a transition initiative in

Totnes, a town in England, which became the world’s first Transition Town. Each individual transition initiative has its own objectives with a range of practical projects.

Die doelwitte van ‘n “oorgangsdorp” is die volgende:

- Om meer aanpasbaar/weerstandvaardig te wees vir omgewings en ander veranderinge deur die opbou van self-onderhoudende reserwes soos voedsel, energie, gesondheidsorg, werksgeleenthede en ekonomie. Kos behoort bv. plaaslik gekweek en vervaardig en nie aangery te word nie.
- Afskaal van afhanklikheid van energie en voedselbronne wat besig is om leeg te loop.
- Ontwikkel van ‘n funksionele, gesonde, plaaslike gemeenskap wat samewerkend omgee en sorg vir ons mense en omgewing; so kan ons almal gedy.
- Vermindering van ons negatiewe uitwerking op die omgewing – vermindering en herwinning van afval, vermindering van koolstofuitsette en afhanklikheid van fossielbrandstowwe, beskerming van die oorblywende biodiversiteit deur die gebruik van hernubare bronne en, waar moontlik, herstel van beskadigde ekosisteme.

There are many current activities underway that already work towards these objectives. As a result of the first transition town meeting, a group of people have already met to expand the dustbin project. As a

result of further efforts after the meeting, the recycling has also been resurrected. As a community, we could develop many more creative activities.

Why would Prince Albert be suitable to become a transition town?

- We are a small community with a clear identity
- We are far away from urban centres
- We have fertile soil and enough water (if it is managed carefully) to grow our own food
- We are more dependent on the outside world than we need to be
- We have abundant renewable energy sources (sun and wind)
- We have many passionate people doing positive work to improve the town

Hoe kan Prince Albert se gemeenskap baat deur ‘n oorgangsdorp te word?

- Ons verhoogde selfversorging sou almal se lewenskwaliteit verbeter
- Ons sou nuwe vaardighede en kennis bekom deur in te skakel by die wêreldwye Oorgangsnetwerk met al hulle inligting en bronne
- Ons sou minder weerloos raak vir eksterne faktore, wat klimaatsverandering insluit
- Dit sou nog ‘n rede wees vir toeriste om ons dorp te besoek
- Dit kan ons trots as inwoners van ons dorp bou
- Dit kan ons as ‘n gemeenskap verenig as ons ‘n gedeelde doel nastreef.

If you are interested in becoming involved, even just to chat with others about it, let us know by sending an email to helene@feather.co.za or talking to one of us.

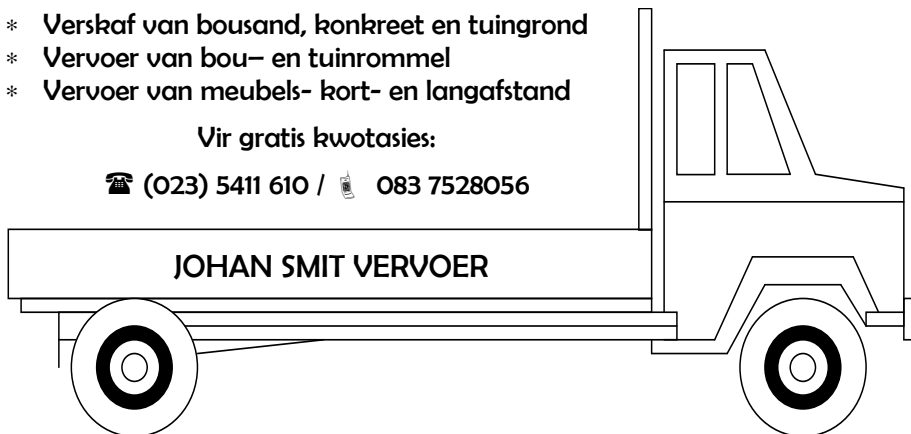
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~ Honour Our Roots: Deborah van der Bijl of Abrahamskraal ~

- Ailsa Tudhope -

Our Prince Albert Garden Club celebrated its birthday during February and the house at Abrahamskraal marks its centenary during 2012, so it seems appropriate to remember Deborah van der Bijl who, during her rambles around the farm, discovered many a *mesembryanthemum*, some of which bear her family name.

Deborah Susanna Malan was born in 1872 at Wellington, a descendant of the French Huguenot Jacques Malan who had settled in Franschhoek in 1688. In 1895 she married William at the Nederduitsch Gereformeerde Kerk, Wynberg, Cape Town and in 1912 they moved to the Prince Albert district and built the beautiful Cape Dutch gabled farmhouse at Abrahamskraal.

Between 1896 and 1917 William and Deborah van der Bijl had nine children: Engela (Ena) Vera, Albert (Bertie),

Marie (Re), Georgina (Joy), Rykie, Yvonne, Willem (Bill) and Daniel (Neil). The farmhouse must have been a busy and cheerful place with such a large family. Letters and entries in the visitor's book confirm this. A delightful poem by Ita Neethling, after a visit in 1927, sums up the old farm and the van der Bijl lifestyle with humour:

Dis nou vandaag die laaste maal.
Dat ek afskeid neem van Abrahamskraal.

For it was on this delightful farm
I first felt, so strangely, South Africa's charm,
Die wye veld, die uitsig al kant,
In die gasvrije huis, daar ver op die rand.
The big cheery family, interested on every side
Full of life and kindness, eyes and hearts open wide.
Die skape voëlstruise, die oulike bokkies,
Die plante, ja selfs die fossiele brakkies.
Old *Pareiasaur*, the stone grin on his face
Will remain in my memory in a bright

place.

Ondanks die kwaai droogte en die slegte seisoen

Bly ou Karroo met sy bossies, in herinnering groen.

I cannot thank deeply enough all of you
Who showed me this new life, who broadened my view.

Baie dankie vir alles, almaal, Abrahamskraal!

Mooi herinnerings neem 'k saam na die bosveld, Transvaal.

The "fossiele brakkies" reference celebrates a dog-sized fossil which was found all over the farm. The famous palaeontologist Dr Robert Broom often visited Abrahamskraal and he encouraged William to develop his interest in fossils. Meanwhile Deborah was becoming a world authority on Karoo plants. Dr Broom recorded that "Mrs van der Byl was a keen botanist, and had a wonderful collection of succulents - *Aloes*, *Stapelias*, *Hoodias*, *Crassulas*, etc.; and

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(Honour our Roots... Continued from p 13)

the fossils, the succulents, and the charm of Mr and Mrs van der Byl always made a visit to Abraham's Kraal a delight."

In 1999, Dillys Robinson, one of Deborah's granddaughters shared the following information with our Museum:

"From 1912 Deborah became very interested in *Mesembryanthemums* - Vygies. She collected specimens and sent them to Mr N E Brown, Curator of Kew Gardens, London, England - where he identified them and the unknown ones were named after her - as in *Bylia Cana* - or after some of her children. There is still a flowering *Neilii*- a yellow vygie - in the glasshouse at Kirstenbosch, named after her last child Daniel. [Some of the specimens Deborah sent to Kew are preserved in a mummified form - Steven Hammer, a world authority on *Mesembryanthemums* published an article on Mrs van der Bijl's mummies.]

I have original letters from N E Brown at Kew from 1925 - 1931 describing how to

identify and name all these vygies. Deborah also wrote many papers on collecting plants in the Karoo. I also have letters and books from L. Bolus and Howarth - both South African Botanists. Deborah was a full member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America and of the African Veld, S.A. In her collection of books and papers are illustrations by Cythna Letty and writings by B. Pole Evans (1923 to 1928) on *Flowering Plants of S.A.* where she is mentioned and referred to as an expert on *Mesems*. She is also mentioned in the German/S.W.A. Succulent books of 1937. She was a member of the Cactus and Succulent Society of Great Britain and wrote papers for them for 1932 to 1934 and was actually the President of the South African Succulent Society for 1931 and 1932. She submitted many articles to the Gardeners' Chronicle from 1925 to 1931."

Deborah's most famous find, *Bylia cana* has been renamed *Bijlia dilitata*, and it features on the Garden Club's logo. This plant has fleshy smooth leaves 12-15 mm wide and 30 mm long. Every year a few new leaves grow from the central stem and

the many petaled, golden-yellow flowers, 25mm in diameter, appear in winter. The entire world population is found within a radius of about 5 km of Prince Albert.

If you would like to know more about the van der Bijl family visit the Fransie Pienaar Museum where Dillys has also lodged information about Abrahams-kraal.

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~ Inspireer ons Jeug: Therene Fourie ~



Lodé Mooneys (l) en Therene Fourie (r) sing *Panis Angelicus* tydens die NG Kerk se gedenkfees in Augustus 2011 (Foto: Linda Jaquet)

- Ailsa Tudhope -

Therene Fourie is tans besig om haar in Wellington as onderwyseres te bekwaam, haar stem is aan ons welbekend. As deel van ons 'Inspireer ons Jeug' gee sy vir die *Prince Albert Vriend* 'n kykie op haar lewe:

Ek verstaan jou familie het 'n lang verbintenis met Prince Albert?

My ma se ouers is oorspronklik afkomstig van Gamkaskloof, vandaar my liefde vir die natuur. Van my grootouers en ouers het 'n baie noue verbintenis met Prince Albert.

Wanneer het jy begin sing in die openbaar?

Op ouderdom veertien het ek deelgeneem aan my eerste sangkompetisie, *Karoo Idols*, wat toe in Prince Albert aangebied is. My Oupa Hannes, my pa, my broers Geran en Darius het almal wyd en syd musiek gemaak.

Wat is jou gunsteling musiek?

Ek is lief vir alle musiek, as ek moet kies, sal Country heel bo-aan my lys wees, dan Gospel, Klassieke musiek en Pop. Musiek is die siel van die mens, dit gee

uiting aan emosies en gevoelens, dit skep atmosfeer. Musiek is nie net iets wat jy hoor nie, dit dra 'n boodskap en bring mense bymekaar.

Het jy ander soorte musiek gesing en wat dink jy daarvan?

Ek het begin sing in die genre van *Pop en Country*, dis waarvoor daar aanvraag was. My tegniek en begrip van sang en musiek het verander toe die 'Opera geleentheid' verbykom. Dit het my ook geleer om op te tree en my selfvertroue 'n groot hupstoot gegee.

Wat van 'n paar stories oor konserte saam met Chrisna en Lodé?

Konserte saam met Chrisna en Lodé was en is altyd ongelooflik lekker. Ek en Lodé verstaan mekaar baie goed, somer met 'n kyk, en ons stemme pas uitstekend bymekaar.

Jy het 'n "gap" jaar geneem, het dit gehelp om vir jou toekoms te beplan?

My "gap" jaar het my baie geleer van menseverhoudings, ek het nuwe vaardighede aangeleer en ek kon geld spaar vir my studiejare. Ek kon ook rustig oor my

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KENNISGEWING / NOTICE - 5/2012**

Kennis geskied hiermee kragtens Artikel 127(5) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur 2003 (Wet 56 van 2003) saamgelees met Artikel 21A van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) dat die Jaarverslag vir die Munisipaliteit van Prince Albert vir die Finansiële jaar 2010/2011 vir die periode van dertig (30) dae vanaf datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing ter insae lê by die volgende plekke:

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Die publiek word hiermee uitgenooi om nie later as **Maandag, 12 Maart 2012**, skriftelik kommentaar of vertoë, indien enige, met betrekking tot die Jaarverslag by die ondergetekende in te dien.

Ingevolge Artikel 21(4) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels, 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) word kennis gegee dat persone wie nie kan skryf nie enige munisipale personeel by enige ontvangskantore van die Munisipaliteit te Prins Albert, Klaarstroom en Leeue-Gamka kan nader vir hulpverlening om u kommentaar of vertoë op skrif te stel.

2010 / 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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The public is hereby invited to submit written comment or representations, if any, in respect of the annual report with the undersigned by not later than **Monday, 12 March 2012**.

In terms of Section 21(4) on the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000 is notice hereby given that people who are not able write can request any municipal official at any reception office of the Municipality at Prince Albert, Klaarstroom and Leeue-Gamka to assist him or her in compiling his or her objection or representation in writing.

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(Brett the Vet... Continued from p 8)

The toxic saliva causes necrosis of large areas of skin in dogs, paralysis in sheep, and transmits the virus that causes Congo Fever in humans (although this has never been confirmed locally!). *Hyalomma spp* (bontpoot or stripy legged tick) is found in the Prince Albert area and the number of animals bitten appears to be on the increase. Tick bites are best prevented by using an effective topical antiparasitic application. If these ticks are seen on an animal they are best removed by sharp decapitation or smothering with Vaseline rather than pulling as this raises the likelihood of transferring more poison into the bite wound thereby exacerbating the destructive effects. Appropriate professional treatment may need to be administered to alleviate the symptoms.

With greater scientific knowledge and understanding of the natural world we can take appropriate practical steps to limit the effects of undesirable animate attention, but sometimes that still doesn't satisfy an inexplicable craving for living on the edge.

(Letters... Continued from p 5)

about agents not being permitted to "directly, or indirectly, in any manner whatsoever, solicit, encourage, persuade or influence any party or potential party to a pending or a completed transaction, to utilise or refrain from utilising the services of any particular attorney, conveyancer or firm of attorneys".

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*Eric Ahrens
Pam Golding Properties*

Gardening with Trees in the Karoo

Celtis africana – the White Stinkwood

- Christiaan Viljoen -

The White Stinkwood is perhaps the most popular indigenous tree in South Africa. This deciduous tree provides plentiful shade in the summer – protecting the garden against the scorching summer sun. In winter it loses all its leaves and lets the winter sun through onto the garden and the house, and also reveals the architecture of its light grey trunk and branches, which makes this beautiful tree a focal point in the garden.

The name “stinkwood” is derived from the unpleasant smell that is given off by the freshly cut wood of this species. The wood is tough and strong and is commonly used for household furniture. However, the wood quality of the White Stinkwood is inferior to that of the Black Stinkwood, *Ocotea bullata*. Worldwide, the White Stinkwood is a favourite tree to grow as a bonsai. Their leaves dwarf very quickly and the plant swiftly takes on the appearance of an adult tree.

The White Stinkwood can also grow to become a fairly large tree, especially in forests where these trees have been known to grow up to 40m tall. In gardens this species only grows to about 10m in height, with a canopy about 9m across. It is a fast growing tree and can grow rapidly if planted in good soil and watered well at least three times a week in Prince Albert. At this rate it will be a full-grown tree within five years, forming a lovely round crown. Moreover, the White Stinkwood has a non-aggressive root system, which means that you can plant it right next to a driveway (or house) without having to worry that the roots of the tree will push up your pavement.

The indigenous White Stinkwood is very similar in appearance to the exotic Chinese Hackberry, *Celtis sinensis*. You can easily identify the White Stinkwood by looking at its dark green, hairy leaves which are toothed on the upper two-thirds of their margins, and the base of each leaf is asymmetrical. The Chinese

Hackberry has glossy green leaves, which are not hairy. This alien invasive species has become a big problem in South Africa.

In spring the White Stinkwood produces fresh new leaves, and along with these come the flowers – they are small, yellowish-green and inconspicuous. The flowers are followed by yellowish-brown fruit, which ripen in summer. The edible, fleshy part of the fruit around the seed has a satisfyingly sweet taste, and is relished by many frugivorous birds, including Cape and Red-eyed Bulbuls. Baboons also enjoy these delicious fruit, but they are not the only mammals to make use of this special tree.

The White Stinkwood has highly palatable leaves, which are savoured by game including Kudu, Impala and Common Duiker; as well as livestock, especially cattle.

In fact, the White Stinkwood is one of the best trees to plant in Prince Albert. It can withstand droughts, is frost resistant and it can be planted in full sun. However a young tree can be easily damaged by strong winds, so be sure to protect your sapling for the first few years of its life and you will be rewarded with a stunning Stinkwood tree.

More information can be found in “*Making the Most of Indigenous Trees*” by Fanie & Julye-Ann Venter, and “*Creative Gardening with Indigenous Plants*” by Pitta Joffe.

Christiaan Viljoen is a student at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, George Campus (Saasveld), doing an experiential training year for his Nature Conservation Diploma at Renu Karoo Veld Restoration CC in Prince Albert.

Christiaan is interested in the ecology of birds, butterflies and succulent plants, and he hopes to become involved in the local bird club. He also hopes to gain knowledge and experience from the local community.

(Inspireer... Vervolg vanaf p 15)

toekomsplanne besluit. Ek het in 'n restaurant en in die toerismekantoor gewerk, uiteenlopende mense ontmoet en ook geleer om ons juweel van 'n dorpie te waardeer en bemark.

Hoekom onderwys? Wat is jou droom vir die toekoms?

Aanvanklik sou ek Drama gaan studeer het, maar die deure van Onderwys het vir my oopgegaan, steeds met Drama en Kuns as hoofvakke. Om mense te vermaak en gelukkig te maak, verskaf my vreugde. Ek het toekomsdrome wat mense, sing en dans insluit, maar wil myself nie beperk nie, daar is eindelose geleenthede.

Ek verstaan jy sing nou by die kerk in Wellington - vertel ons iets daarvan.

Ek sing Sondagaande by die NG Kerk Moedergemeente in Wellington by ons sogenaamde Tekkiekerk, meestal studente, maar almal is welkom.

Watter advies sal jy gee aan jongmense in Prince Albert oor hulle skoolwerk en hul gemeenskap?

Skoolwerk is lekker! As jy meer weet en leer, sal jy die lewe ook beter kan verstaan en hanteer, en sal jy beter voorbereid wees vir wat in die groot wêreld daar buite wag. Jongmense moet hulle nie blind staar teen die feit dat hulle in 'n klein dorpie sit en dink dat hulle nêrens sal kom nie. Daar is ongelooflike geleenthede vir die wat hard werk en goeie punte behaal.

Therene sê: ‘Jongmense moet betrokke raak by hul gemeenskap. Dit maak hul deel van die dorp en sal hulle laat besef dat daar veel meer in die lewe is; hulle menseverhoudings sal ontwikkel en andersydse respek vir almal kom dan vanself’

Laastens wil ek vir die dorp dankie sê vir die geleenthede wat julle vir my bied. Dit was vir my 'n groot voorreg om in Prince Albert groot te word en hierdie sal altyd my tuiste bly.

PRINCE ALBERT

Ratepayers' & Residents' Association
Belastingbetalers- & Inwonersvereniging



Municipal Accounts and that 'Letter of Demand'

Many residents are angry about a change in the date of their December Municipal accounts and a letter of demand for outstanding amounts. So the Ratepayers' & Residents' Association (PARRA) decided to investigate and, after amicable discussions with the acting Chief Financial Officer, can offer some explanations.

Every municipality in South Africa must now send out accounts at the end of the month and give residents fifteen days from the last day of the month to pay. This means that if you receive your municipal account at the end of June and pay it with your June salary before 15 July, you don't pay any interest. But if you pay it after the 15th you are charged a small amount of interest.

The Municipality is currently owed

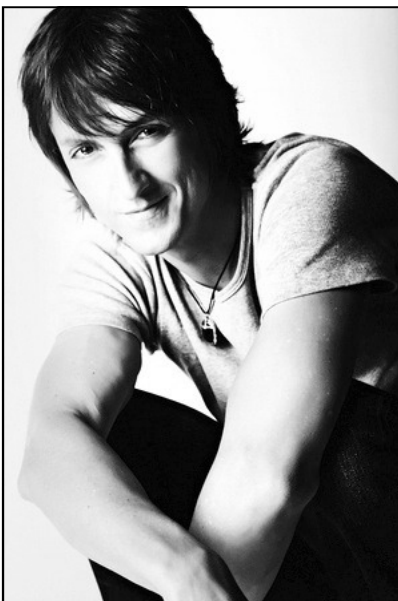
over R6 000 000 in unpaid accounts and needs to recover as much as it can immediately. It also needs to get residents into the habit of paying their accounts with their current salary. Consequently the November accounts were sent out on 28 November and had to be paid by 23 December. But because of the holidays that were coming up, the December account was only sent on 14 December and had to be paid on 14 January. This meant that those who had only paid their November account in December were faced with having to pay a second account in the same month. Many could just not afford to do that.

The Municipality has now asked all those who have difficulty in catching up with their accounts to come to the Municipality to discuss their circumstances

and to make practical arrangements for paying... because if services are not paid for, they cannot be delivered.

Many residents were up in arms when they received a Final Demand letter dated 9 January 2012. The Municipality told PARRA that there were good reasons for that letter. Firstly it was to alert residents that if they paid their accounts after 15 February, interest would be charged. Secondly, the Municipality wanted to urge those who were very behind in payments to come to the Municipal offices to make a workable arrangement to pay. The last line of the letter made it clear that those residents who were up to date with their payments should ignore the letter.

The Municipality has also hired experts to investigate why about 37% of Prince Albert's electricity was being lost and as a result, the loss has now been reduced to 17%. This is still higher than the national average of 10%. Our ancient transformers and wiring systems are inefficient and the Municipality is trying to access funds to update the entire network. In addition, there have been some cases of electricity theft and a number of people have been charged and will appear in court.



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2012 – POP's year



POP members interview children in Rondsdrif in December 2011 (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

- Ingrid Wolfaardt -

POP (Path Out of Poverty) came to Prince Albert in 2011 and POP is coming again in 2012... to stay! This is the message from the POP leadership based in Riebeeck Kasteel and Ingrid Wolfaardt, who is capturing all the data

from an enumeration study done in the North End community last December. The study was a way of getting community members involved in counting every single person in the community and getting them to identify their needs.

A group of young people from POP and

the local organisation, ROEP!, went door-to-door during the day and interviewed 959 households. In the evenings they organised fun workshops for children and teenagers. The information from the enumeration study will be used to launch a long-term, youth programme that will hopefully stretch from a child's birth to adulthood. This is a holistic programme needing the support and input of the entire community to make a difference.

Feedback regarding the study's results will be shared with all interested parties within the next few months.

Any and every member of the community is welcome to find out more about this exciting but challenging initiative from the Mayor's office or from ROEP!'s chairperson, Christeline Esterhuizen (079 3264801) or spokesperson, Brett Bard (072 6012496). More information regarding the POP programme can be found on the Goedgedacht Trust website www.goedgedacht.org.za



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Prince Albert Municipal Library: Book Review

Borderlands

Brian McGilloway

This is the first Inspector Devlin mystery and the debut of Irish-born writer Brian McGilloway. It was short-listed for the Crime Writers Association *New Blood Dagger* award and the command of plot and use of language make it easy to see why.

Mystery, crime and detective novels – often looked down on by literary critics – tell a gripping story where the setting itself is often so richly described that it almost becomes a protagonist. And *Borderlands* is just such a fine example. It is brilliant mystery-writing with a plot of labyrinthine complexity that also paints an intense portrait of the Irish borderlands themselves ... as beautiful and terrible as the secrets they keep.

“The peculiarities of the Irish border are famous,” writes McGilloway in the open-

ing chapter. “Eighty years ago it was drawn through fields, farms and rivers by civil servants who knew little more about the area than that which they’d learnt from a map. Now, people live with the consequences, owning houses where TV licences are bought in the North and the electricity needed to run them is paid for in the South.”

And when a crime occurs that’s not clearly in either jurisdiction then the Irish Republic’s An Garda Síochána and the Police Service of Northern Ireland are forced to work together to solve the crime. Such is the challenge presented by the corpse of murdered 15-year old Angela Cashell. Her body is dumped half in one country and half in another in an area known as the borderlands.

Garda Inspector Benedict Devlin is the lead detective on the case with few clues to follow. It is a scintillating tale of passion, duplicity, conspiracy, greed, fraud, revenge and more than a few murders. The characters are convincing and the cloying

atmosphere of a small rural community skilfully conveyed.

This review in *The Guardian* is sure to whet the appetite of readers who enjoy top-notch police procedurals: “As the snow falls on a haunted landscape, a wildcat starts picking off sheep, a Gypsy encampment is set ablaze, an old but powerful man is visited by a vision from his past, and a second teenager is murdered. [Inspector] Devlin must deal with all these things as well as his own skeletons, as deeds of previous generations threaten his family’s future.”

The author was born in Northern Ireland, teaches English at St Columbs College in Derry and lives near the Irish Borderlands with his wife and two sons.

Barbara Castle

Ed note: This book is one of a few hundred books donated to Prince Albert by Corina van der Spoel of the *Boekhuis* bookshop in Melville, Johannesburg. Sadly this icon of good reads had to close its doors last month.

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Who's Who at the Market



Stephan Munro prepares a jaffle for a customer
(Photo: Barbara Castle)



Joané Munro of The Jaffle Stall
(Photo: Barbara Castle)

- Barbara Castle -

Markets have been a feature of Prince Albert since 1855 when Governor George Grey gave permission for the town to hold them. Over the years we have seen interesting characters come and go. We've seen the rise and fall of pancakes, frozen lamb, knitted tea-cosies, assorted knickers, venison pies and more. But some stalwarts remain, enjoying a brisk trade and friendly chat at the Saturday morning market in Church Street.

The Jaffle Stall

This busy food stall is staffed by the entire Munro family... from parents Fourie and Yolanda, to children Stephan, Joané and even, on occasions, grandma. Their delicious jaffles (toasted sandwiches with sealed edges) are freshly made right before your eyes. And they offer a lip-smacking choice of curried mince or chicken, which they make themselves, or ham and cheese.

The stall was Fourie's idea says Yolanda, "He always wanted to do something at the market, and also to help the children earn extra money." And that's the reason Stephan and Joané are so involved with the family stall. Not only do they have to make the jaffles and serve customers most Saturdays but they also have to help with food preparations the night before and get everything ready to take to the market.

The Munros started The Jaffle Stall about a year and half ago, inspired by Fourie's love of food and their commitment to good, old-fashioned family values. They really enjoy, "working together as a family."

Yolanda says that she and Fourie both left their jobs just over three years ago when the Lord called them to Prince Albert. And although things have been hard they feel comforted and strengthened by their faith.

For the Munros, the best part about the Saturday market is having all the friendly people who come to their stall. "It's a great place for people to relax on a Saturday morning," says Yolanda. Like most stalls on the market they have their regular customers and plenty of visitors too.

The Munros don't only sell delicious jaffles. They also stock various jams as well as fudge, *melkert* and their very popular miniature lemon meringue pies.

At present Yolanda is working for the season at the fig farm at Weltevrede, and Fourie has been re-employed by his old company in Port Elizabeth. So, for the next few months the children and their grandmother will be on duty at the market.

Do yourself a favour and stop by Stefan and Joané for a yummy Munro jaffle when next you're in town

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‘n Boodskap uit Frankryk vanaf Henrico Bezuidenhout: moet nooit ophou droom nie.

Baie van ons jongmense sit vandag met soveel kennis by die huis net omdat hulle nie die kans gekry het om te word wat hulle graag in die lewe wou wees nie.

Vyf jaar gelede sou ek my nooit gesien het as ‘n jeugambassadeur vir Suid Afrika in Frankryk nie, maar dit het als met ‘n droom begin. Jongmense moet nooit ophou droom nie. As jy vandag by die skool uitstap en jy is nie finansiëel sterk om te gaan studeer nie, beteken dit nie jou lewe is verby nie, maar dit gee jou die kans om verder te droom, en as jy nie daardie droom kan bereik nie kry ‘n nuwe een.

Ek het nooit ophou droom nie, vandag sien ek my nogsteeds as die jongman wat ‘n verskil kan maak met woorde soos ‘be the change you want to see in the world’



Henrico Bezuidenhout (centre, front) and his fellow Young South African ambassadors at Gautrain Rosebank Station (Photo: Henrico Bezuidenhout)

en ‘alles gebeur met jou soos jy wil hê dit moet met jou gebeur.’

Henrico is in Dijon after spending a very cold week in Chateau-Chinon, a particularly beautiful town with a wonderful

castle and lots of deep snow.

He is involved in youth development strategy, staying with a number of young people on the same programme, and is very excited about what he is doing.

Creative Paving and Stone Walls

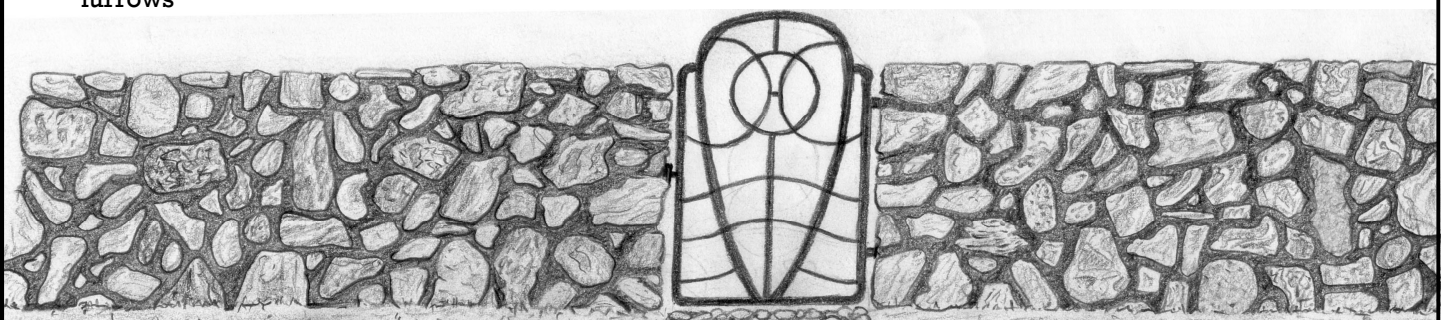


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~ Vanuit die Raadsaal ~

Werkskepping

Die Raad is tans besig om in samewerking met Anix wat die implementeerder van die rehabilitasie projek in die Swartberg Pas is, alles te finaliseer, sodat die projek hopelik op 1 April sal afskop. Die PAC (Projekte Advies Komitee) vergader twee maandeliks om alle logistieke rondom die projek te bespreek om te verseker dat alles in plek sal wees voordat die projek afskop. Die projek sal vir agtien maande duur.

Wykskomitees

Alle wykskomitees moet hul vergaderings hou voor die komitee vergaderings van die Raad wat vanaf Maandag, 5 Maart 2012, begin.

Forums

Prince Albert Sportforum: Die Sport-forum van Prince Albert sal voor die einde van Maart hul AJV hou en sportklubs word vriendelik uitgenooi om wel hierdie uiters belangrike vergadering by te woon.

Die Munisipale Jeug - , Vroue – en Sportforums sal teen einde April 2012 gefinaliseer word. Hierdie forums sal alle relevante sake van die onderskeie groepe op Munisipale vlak bespreek en die Raad dienooreenkomstig inlig oor die behoeftes van hierdie onderskeie groepe. Ek vertrou dat hierdie platforms gebruik sal word om sake van die onderskeie groepe ernstig te bespreek en dat daar na daadwerklike oplossings gekyk sal word.

GOP en Begrotingsprosesse

Die Raad wil alle inwoners vriendelik uitnoodi na die onderskeie begrotingsvergaderings wat in die volgende paar maande in die onderskeie Wyke gehou sal word. Ons wil seker maak dat alle inwoners bewus moet wees hoe die begroting van die Raad daarna uitsien vir die volgende Finansiële jaar.

Die Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan

(GOP) Forum funksioneer en hou gereeld hul vergaderings waar insette van die verskillende organisasies in die dorp gelewer word.

Huiswinkels

Die Raad het tydens die laaste Raadsvergadering op Woensdag, 8 Februarie 2012, besluit om 'n moratorium te plaas op die oopmaak van huiswinkels. Dit beteken eenvoudig dat geen aansoek vir die oopmaak van huiswinkels in die Prince Albert Munisipale-gebied in die onmiddellike toekoms deur die Raad goedgekeur sal word nie.

Die Raad het opdrag gegee dat daar eers 'n volledige opname van alle huiswinkels in die Munisipale gebied gedoen word, waarna die Raad sal oorweeg om die moratorium op te hef aldan nie. Inwoners word verder aangemoedig om nie hul eien-dom (huise) so maklik te verkoop nie.

Onwettige bou van huise en ander strukture

Die Raad wil hiermee ook alle inwoners versoek om seker te maak dat hulle bouplanne voorgelê word vir goedkeuring alvorens hulle begin bou. Die Raad sal hul bes doen om binne die dertig dae periode te hou. Die Raad het die amptenare opdrag gegee om streng teen oortreders op te tree.

Die Munisipaliteit gaan ook sterk optree teen inwoners en eiendoms-eienaars wat die voorwaardes van hul vergunningsgebruik of die sonering van hul eien-

domme oortree.

Onwettige Vullisstorting: Noord End

Dis is voorwaar betreuenswaardig om te sien hoe ons mense eenvoudig net nie wil saamwerk om ons eie omgewing te probeer skoonhou nie. Ons woon in hierdie omgewing en ons eie kinders speel in die oop ruimtes, en die manier hoe vullis willens en wetens gestrooi word, hou vir ons kinders 'n gesondheidsrisiko in.

Die omgewing waarin ons bly is ons omgewing en daarom moet ons in elke straat, om elke hoek en by elke onwettige punt/area eienaarskap neem en mense aanspreek wat voortgaan met die onwettige vullisstorting. Laat ons trots wees op ons omgewing en voel vry om met u Raadslid te praat indien u nog ander idees het wat u reken sal werk.

Die Munisipale amptenare doen hul BES om die omgewing so skoon as moontlik te hou, maar ons mense gaan voort om, sodra die areas skoongemaak is, maar net weer onwettig hul vullis te stort. Die oprigting van die vullishokke is in hulle finale stadium en ons hoop dat persone wel hul vullis in die hokke sal stort. Ek wil weer ons mense aanmoedig om met die Wyksraadslid te praat indien persone nie hul samewerking in die verband gee nie.

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CREATIVE PRINCE ALBERT

25 May to 3 June 2012

Over the next three issues of the *Prince Albert Friend* we will be covering all the events taking place during the upcoming Arts & Crafts Festival. Here's what our local artists have in store for us.



FILMS

The Lives of Artists During May at least one film per week will be shown on the lives of selected artists.

EXHIBITIONS

Fracking in the Karoo A selection of paintings at the Gallery showing how local artists portray fracking.

The Story Behind the Painting Christine Thomas shares stories obtained from the characters in her paintings.

TALKS

Dead sharks and unmade beds by JP Meyer Until just a few years ago ART made sense and Artists were real Artists. Painters painted with paint; sculptors worked with clay or marble and printmakers printed from etched copper plates. Then Marcel Duchamp came along and turned it all upside-down...

If you are befuddled, confused and sometimes disgusted with contemporary art, then join local artist, JP Meyer for a fun talk on art, some contemporary masterpieces and a few of the geniuses that make them. You might just come away inspired and start to look at contemporary art differently.

A walk through our Gallery with MaryAnne Botha, who is a practising artist and teacher with a background in the visual arts. She co-directs the Prince Albert Gallery with Brent Phillips-White. During the 40 minute-long tour of the gallery, MaryAnne will lead a discussion on selected artworks, with reference to medium, genre, and art historical context.

COURSES

Joshua Miles - Reduction Block Woodcuts We will be doing three or more colour woodcuts using the same piece of wood over two days from 9am to 5pm. We will explore the process from chiselling, mixing your ink, rolling up and spoon printing. At the end of your course you would be able to do a colour woodcut at home.

JP Meyer - Stick Figures & Crooked Lines - An Art Workshop for Beginners Mozart was a natural. When he was in his twenties, his fingers were crooked from all the hours of playing the piano. Picasso was a natural too. He often completed numerous works of art in a day. Gary Player once said that the more he practiced the luckier he got.

Do you believe that you cannot draw a straight line and don't have a single creative bone in your body, yet you are dying to express yourself? Do I have news for you! Our innate creativity, just like all our other skills needs to be developed and cultivated. It takes time, effort and some commitment.

This workshop offers an opportunity to start exploring some of the basic principles of art making. Together we will think, write, draw, scribble and smudge and hopefully come to a new understanding of what art, talent, passion and creativity is. I think you will have fun. This is a 3-Day Workshop of 3 hours per day.

JP Meyer - Red, Blue or Yellow - A Colour Workshop for Beginners

Green was Chagall's favourite colour. Picasso loved blue. What is your favourite colour? Is it the warm reds and oranges or maybe you like the cooler blues and greens?

Joseph Albers said: "Great colouring, like great cooking, demands repeated tasting". This workshop will give you the opportunity to taste the wonderful world of colour. We will play around the colour wheel and do a variety of oil pastel drawings which will help you understand how colours affect one another and how we can use colour to convey a certain feeling, mood or energy. This is a 3-Day Workshop of 3 hours per day.

For more information on costs, dates of the above, bookings and all the other events;

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DA: Are Councillors Abusing Ratepayers' Money?

- Linda Jaquet -

At the DA's public Ward 2 meeting on 13 February, Cllr Bower reported that as Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) he had cause to investigate councillors' travel claims. This as a result of excessive spending on travel in the Municipality's Revised Budget tendered to Council in January.

Cllr Bower's report showed that Prince Albert's councillors made mileage claims of R164 795.00 over the past eight months. The claims reportedly covered the costs of attending conferences, meetings and workshops in various parts of South Africa. According to Bower, the five councillors who claimed travel expenses never reported back to Council on the benefits accrued for the expenses incurred. Councillors, says Bower, seldom sought the required authorisation before embarking on trips.

The MPAC's role is "to exercise oversight over the executive obligations of council ... to hold the executive and municipal entities to account, and to ensure the efficient and effective use of municipal resources...To promote good governance, transparency and accountability on the use of municipal resources."

Cllr Bower discovered that in the first eight months of the current financial year, claims by just five councillors totalled R119 744, which rose to R164 795 due to a backdated salary package increase. Bower's investigation did not include the Councillor Induction Programmes or claims by out-of-town councillors for attending meetings in Prince Albert. The claims largely covered the costs of attending conferences, seminars and workshops, standard meetings of the Council in Prince Albert and its committees and meetings of the Central Karoo District Council in Beaufort West.

According to Bower, not one councillor gave a report-back from any conference

or workshop he or she had attended. He concluded that the costs be regarded as fruitless expenditure and be repaid to the Municipality.

He also noted that Cllr Isak Windvogel (KGP) submitted at least 30 claims totalling R9050 for attending meetings in Beaufort West but did not report back on any of the meetings. Executive Mayor, Cllr Goliath Lottering and the Speaker, Cllr Margy Jaftha (KGP), claimed a total of nearly R24 000 for expenses incurred while attending private study programmes. According to Bower, the Council never approved this arrangement nor the payment of the travel claims.

Bower noted that this was part of a pattern of "selective communication to the Council of activities undertaken by members of the Council executive and by individual councillors." He referred in this regard to donations made from the Mayor's discretionary fund to local organisations and the funding of the Municipality's 110th anniversary dinner without any consultation with the Council.

Bower reported exorbitant expense claims, e.g. a claim of R6 373 for attending a one-day conference in Stellenbosch, another of R5 393 for a day's conference in Cape Town.

Two attempts to include the MPAC's report and a demand for a report back by Cllr Windvogel on his activities at the District Council on the Council's Agenda were voted against by the five-member alliance of the KGP and the ANC. As a result Cllr Bower submitted his report to the Municipality's Audit Committee and to the MEC for Local Government, Anton Bredell. He had also reported that further requests for information were being ignored.

The *Friend's* attempts to verify the information in Cllr Bower's reports with the Municipal Manager had not met with a response by the time of going to print.



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Treasure the Succulents of the Karoo

- Caleb Swanepoel -

On 1 February, the Prince Albert Garden Club celebrated its 28th birthday (and the town's 250th) by hosting a well-attended talk by respected botanist and horticulturalist, Ernst van Jaarsveld, at the Jans Rautenbach Schouwburg. Ernst's audio-visual presentation was followed by colourful, delicious cupcakes, baked by Madri Rossouw and Bergwater's pink sparkling wine was served.

Renu-Karoo's Sue Dean introduced us to Ernst, a man who has been passionate about indigenous plants since his childhood and who is the curator of the Botanical Society Conservatory at Kirstenbosch Gardens. In his talk entitled "Succulent Riches of Southern Africa", Ernst first told us about his work at the Conservatory and its rich history. He then took us to the various parts of South Africa and Namibia he has explored in



Ernst van Jaarsveld signs his latest book, *Cotyledon and Tylecodon*, accompanied by Sue Dean of Renu-Karoo (Photo: Sandy Farmer)

his research on succulent plants. He spoke to us with passion about the remarkable variety of succulents and how they adapt to their environment. Ernst's enthusiasm drew his diverse audience – young and old, experienced and beginner gardeners, town dwellers and farmers - into his world. We clambered up rock faces with him to seek out tiny succulents that are so remote and secure that they have eschewed self-

defence mechanisms. Elsewhere, such as in our beautiful Karoo they have developed protective colours, root systems, means of collecting dew and co-exist with other plants in order to survive. Many in the audience were surprised at the range and variety of succulents that grow in our part of the world.

A group of Albert College pupils attended the event and will never forget what we learnt. The cherry on the cake (please excuse the pun) was winning Ernst's book *Waterwise Gardening in South Africa and Namibia* in the lucky draw, which is a great addition to our school's library! It was truly a wonderful learning experience and it has given me an entirely different view on our Karoo's plants and the region's sensitive and diverse eco-system.

Caleb Swanepoel is a senior learner at Albert College.



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Saved from The Hell



- Louis Botha -

On a recent solo visit to Prince Albert I left the town one hot January afternoon in a small rental car, armed with a bottle of water, a bag of grapes, my camera and a tripod. Up the Swartberg Pass I went and into Gamkaskloof, or 'The Hell'.

In scorching hot conditions I took photos from different angles in the changing light. At near 19h00, covered in sweat and dust, I packed up and headed back.

I reached a low water crossing and stopped in the middle of the stream. I opened the door and bathed my arms and face with the fresh mountain water, a real sense of relief and joy!

When I tried to pull away the front wheels spun and quickly the car was up to its belly on the *spoelklippe*. It was almost 20h00 and my attempts at digging, jacking up, picking up, begging, pulling and pushing had no impact.

With no cell phone reception I realised I would have to spend the night there. It was a strange emotion, realising that no one knew where I was and no one awaited my return.

The night was calm and peaceful... a sky filled with stars... water gurgling

underneath the car... frogs and night birds calling. So much time to reflect on the abundance of freedom, space, stillness, time and beauty.

I woke up before 05h00, positive that I would now be able to get out. It was a new day after all! Needless to say I couldn't, and waited for help. Mercifully, around 07h30 a Toyota Double Cab appeared. They stopped, as if waiting for me to take my car out of the way... I approached the driver and said: 'I am very glad to see you, please help me.'

Without any questions both men got out. They were fit and strong, training for the Cape Epic they told me. The passenger, a blonde giant, said, 'Let's lift this thing out.' The third person, a girl, was now also in the water. The guys pulled, pushed, lifted - no go. The girl got behind the steering wheel to reverse the car while they lift-pushed - no go. They tried the Toyota's jack, but my car was lying too low.

They decided to drive back to Die Hel to borrow a towing rope.

When they got back they turned the Toyota around in the narrow road and reversed it into the water. The rope was attached, the giant got into my car and the other man pulled it out within

seconds. My car was now standing on the 'wrong' side of the crossing. The Toyota was turned around again and driven through the crossing. I thought, 'This is it, they've got me out of their way and are going to take off.' But the gentle giant got into my car and drove it through the crossing Sarel van der Merwe style, water splashing everywhere. They were ready to go... and probably two hours behind schedule.

I felt overwhelming relief as I thanked them. They were three 'best friends' from Cape Town: Mandy, Kevin (the driver) and André (the giant).

I left the crossing at 09h30 and when I got into a real bed that night after photographing the wedding of Jana and Herman (which was the purpose of my solo visit!) I knew that I had been saved from Hel by angels. They helped without moans or groans, no anger, no swearing. I praise them, and I praise Him for them!








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Garden Club News

Visit to Karoo Looms

Join us for the next meeting of the Garden Club on Wednesday, 7 March, at 10h00 (please note the earlier starting time) when Sophia Booley will give us a guided tour of the *Karoo Looms* weaving business, opposite the Museum on Church Street.

Sophia will demonstrate how the experienced weavers make their beautiful mats and carpets with skill and expertise. Afterwards, we will have tea and something delicious to eat in the recently redesigned and attractive garden of the *Gallery Café*.

A charge of R10.00 will be made to members of the Garden Club; visitors will pay R15.00. This includes the tour, refreshments and the chance to win a prize in the lucky draw. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Street Tree List

After much debate and lengthy discussions, Sue and Richard Dean, Brett Bard

and MaryAnne Botha have compiled a list of 17 hardy but beautiful indigenous trees that are suitable for planting along street pavements, as well as in gardens, in Prince Albert.

The list gives a full description of the trees, including useful facts about growth rate, sensitivity to frost and wind, and flowers and fruits. The Garden Club has incorporated all this information, as well as where to site your tree and how to plant and stake it, into a handy leaflet which is available free of charge from the Tourism Office, the Fransie Pienaar Museum, the Municipality's financial office and the Library.

Prince Albert needs more trees along our streets. Have a look at the front of your property and see whether there is a suitable place to plant a tree this autumn. With regular watering it will soon grow and generations of Prince Alberters will be grateful for many years to come!

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you can visit the park,
hear the sounds around you,
listen to dogs bark.

The kids are playing,
enjoying their time,
"Enjoy your day," their parents say.

At night, close your eyes,
lying in bed,
goodnight Prince Albert,
thinking, instead.

*By Mishka Lerm (11)
Gr. 7 Albert College Pupil*



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From Banking to Winemaking the story of *Reiersvlei*



Elise and Russell Inggs of Reiersvlei Estate

- Andre Jaquet -

Russell and Elise Inggs retired from the bustle of big business to make wine in the Prince Albert Valley. As a banker, Russell worked for Syfrets and Nedbank on big property construction projects throughout South Africa, and it was during these travels that they fell in love with Prince Albert. "As an old Transvaler working in the Cape I felt a bit like a *volksverraaier*," he confessed.

Elise said the change wasn't too difficult as they'd been talking about it for so long. Russell added, "We're here for the lifestyle. It's very rewarding to make wine ... especially since I come from a working class background and was the first in the family to have a varsity degree." He enjoys honing his skill as a winemaker and says, "I enjoy the liberation of having some peace and quiet ... and helping people to discover the pleasure of wine."

"Discipline learnt at the bank served me well," he said, "and the pleasure of selling the wine is our profit. We break even and that's all we want. The satisfaction lies in getting it right and being with people who appreciate what we do."

He said they try to let nature take its course because thankfully, "We have a

wonderful terroir, a crime-free environment, mountain water, and a gentle breeze blowing in the right direction. We try to apply the basics well and allow this part of the country to be reflected in the wine we make."

At the time I was sipping a *Reiersvlei-Cape Blend Reserve 2010*, which had gradually built up a wonderful bouquet. I couldn't hide my surprise and remarked, "This is a magnificent wine ... it must have taken a master blender to come up with it!"

Russell beamed and said, "It was almost by accident ... I'd ended up with a 1500 litres of Shiraz and 1100 of Pinotage and the advice from a professional was simply, 'Blend them.' I was hesitant because it went against everything I'd learnt. But I did, and to my utter surprise the result was the beautifully rich and full-bodied wine you've just tasted."

Certainly he is proudest of their red, but says the biggest surprise was their *Sauvignon Blanc 2009*. "When Elise said that she and her friends preferred an off-dry white wine, we conducted an experiment. I was quite stunned at how good ... and popular the result was!" He says it was more good luck than skill adding modestly, "We were just fortunate."

Port has become a priority for *Reiersvlei* because they've discovered they can make a truly superior Cape port. "We don't have the quantity to export... yet. But our port is very promising and we first want to make sure it wasn't just a flash in the pan."

As we left *Reiersvlei*, I reflected on our conversation and how fortunate we are to live in an area that attracts people like the Inggs. The thought of having these and other fine winemakers, practically on my doorstep, is like a dream come true!

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Gedurende Sept 2011 het verskeie volksorganisasies 'n wettige verkiesing gehou en sodoende is 'n Volksraad gekies om te gaan beding vir ons selfbeskikking.

Om meer op hoogte te kom van die funksionering en aksies van die Volksraad, kom luister na Mnr Andries Breytenbach, die voorsitter, en Mnr Tiaan Theron, ons Wes Kaap verteenwoordiger, op 15 Maart 2012 om 11vm by die Skousaal.

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BADISA het Nuwe Personeel



Emma Esterhuizen een van die nuwe gesigte by BADISA

- Ilze Koorts -

Me Emma Esterhuizen is 'n gebore Namibiër. Sy is gebore in Alexanderbaai en word groot in Oranjemund. Dit is heerlike, sorgvrye dae met oop vlaktes en semi-woestyn waar jy saans die jakkalse hoor huil met slapenstyd.

Hulle verhuis Kaap toe waar sy haar skoolloopbaan aan Hoërskool Tygerberg voltooi. Sy studeer hierna verder aan die Hugenote Kollege op Wellington, waar sy haar kwalifikasie as maatskaplike werker verwerf. Wellington het twee byname gehad – Hellington (as dit so warm is) of Smellington (die leerlooierfabriek se reuk, wanneer die wind verkeerde kant toe waai).

In haar derde jaar van opleiding doen sy haar prakties by Tygerberg Hospitaal waar sy met vrouens werk wat deur 'n verkragting, miskraam, aborsie of kanker is. Dit was interessant, en Emma geniet die samewerking in spanverband saam met die mediese personeel.

Haar eerste betrekking as maatskaplike werker is by CMR Worcester. Vanweë haar beskermde agtergrond is die werk 'n "eye-opener" – kennismaking met die lelike kant van die lewe. Na 'n jaar se diens is sy emosioneel uitgebrand en aanvaar 'n betrekking in bemarking. In Johannesburg ontvang sy opleiding en geniet die goeie ervaring, want bemarking is ook werk-met-mense en sy leer baie in die proses.

Sy keer terug van die maatskaplikewerkberoep en werk by Vereniging vir Doves in Johannesburg. Dit is 'n groot uitdaging, maar ook baie interessant en met baie lag! Kommunikasie tussen twee busse is bv geensins belemmer nie, en hulle kon DANS! Voel die ritme blykbaar deur hul voete!

Hierna werk Emma by Shepherds Flock, wat deur die AGS-kerk tot stand gebring is vir hawelose mense wat graag 'n verandering in hul lewens wil maak, maar nie die middele of geleentheid het om dit op hul eie te doen nie. Die grootste vereiste vir toelating is dat die persoon werklik 'n begeerte moes hê om sy/haar lewe aan die Here toe te wy en Hom te dien. Hul het behuising, kos, ens. gebied en mense wat werklik baie talentvol was, is gehelp om selfversorgend te raak deur artikels te maak wat hulle verkoop het. Weereens 'n groot leerskool in die lewe, en sy was lankal nie meer so naïef oor mense en hul dinge nie...

Vir 'n jaar daarna neem Emma 'n "sabbatical", waarna sy weer in bemarking gaan. Sy was baie gelukkig in die klein groepie wat amper soos 'n familie saamgewerk het en dit was goeie tye in elke opsig. Hierna help Emma haar ma in eiendomme nadat hul albei die kursus deurloop en haar moeder haar eie maatskappy gestig het.

Soos die Woord sê, "die mens wik, maar God beskik" en sy glo dat Hy in Sy groot genade haar weg beskik het om hier

in Prince Albert haar weer as maatskaplike werker te kan vestig. Vir haar is dit een van die mooiste dorpie in die Karoo en sy is dankbaar – alhoewel dit redelik onverwags en vinnig gekom het – maar alle eer aan Hom, want Hy weet wat Hy vir ons beplan... 'n goeie toekoms!!



Marquin Enrico Smith is op Wellington in die Boland gebore en het daar grootgeword. Hy voltooi sy skoolloopbaan aan Hugenote Hoërskool op dieselfde dorp. In 2008 registreer hy as student in Maatskaplike Werk aan Hugenote Kollege en voltooi sy studies in 2011.

Marco sê die volgende van homself: "Ek is 'n passievolle mens en glo aan verandering en dat dit altyd moontlik is. Ek is 'n persoon wat hou daarvan om met jongmense te werk omdat hul die land se toekoms is.

Die lewe van die Karoo verskil van waar ek grootgeword het: Hier is minder misdaad en daar ontstaan 'n sterker kohesie tussen die mense in die gemeenskap. Ek sien uit om hier te werk sodat verandering in ons mense se lewens kan plaasvind. Hiermee sê ek nie dat ek elke probleem sal kan oplos nie en elke persoon tevrede kan stel nie, maar wat ek kan belowe is dat ek, sowel as BADISA, 'n naaste is vir elkeen wat in nood is en dus sal ons nooit opgee op ons kliëntesisteem nie"

BADISA Prince Albert glo dat die nuwe personeel hier is om 'n verskil in ons gemeenskappe se lewe te maak. Ons sien en ervaar dit reeds.

Prince Albert's 2012 Commemorative Bins



Prince Albert wears the Balmoral Tartan he designed

Bonnie Prince Albert

- John McKenna -

Shortly after being crowned on 28 June 1838, Queen Victoria proposed to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. The couple were married on 10 February 1840 and the bin – painted by the children of Albert College – depicting the young Queen and Albert dancing at their wedding is positioned at 64 Church Street.

Prince Albert is frequently described as a man ahead of his time, a reformer and an innovator. He championed reforms in education, social welfare and labour laws, the royal finances and the abolition of slavery. He designed semi-detached and terraced houses, which reduced building costs and made owning a house more affordable for ordinary people. He was Victoria's adviser and also became her private secretary. He recommended that she abandon her support for the Whig Party and become politically neutral, a policy continued by all succeeding monarchs.

Our town was officially proclaimed

Prince Albert in the Government Gazette on 31 July 1845. Clive Heyne's bin reproducing the notice is outside the Prince Albert Tourism Office on Church Street. The bin also shows the prince pronouncing: "Ek is nou 'n Prince Alberter!" Nearby, outside *Café Albert*, Prince Albert exclaims, "Mein Himmel, Vicky! They have named a town after me." David Halstead is the artist.

Prince Albert took an active interest in the arts, science, trade and industry. He masterminded the Great Exhibition of 1851, which celebrated the advances of British industry and the expansion of the empire. He used the profits from the Exhibition to establish the South Kensington complex of museums in London.

Victoria and Albert made important changes at several royal residences, while Albert saw to it that waste and inefficiency in the running of Buckingham Palace were rooted out. Albert also designed the current Balmoral Castle, the private residence of the royal family in Scotland, which was completed in 1855. He planned the grounds of the estate, to which successive generations of royals have made changes and improvements.

The Queen and her Prince Consort were fond of Scotland and Albert went on to design the "Balmoral Tartan" which is still used today as a royal tartan. The tartan is predominantly grey with overchecks of red and black while the background contains threads of black and white yarns twisted together. The Balmoral Tartan is worn by the current Queen as a skirt and by several members of the royal family, but only with the Queen's permission. The only other person allowed to wear the Balmoral Tartan is the Queen's personal piper. "Bonnie Prince Charlie", a bin by Judith Gibb stands outside *Prickly Pear* and Dr Brett Bard's veterinary surgery.

Two further bins depict Prince Albert in his military uniforms; one outside the Prince Albert Prison on Church Street was painted by offenders, while the other stands on the fence next to Stockenstrom Street and was painted by the children of Albert College.

† Attje Schönborn 16 Jan 1930 – 16 Des 2011



Attje Schönborn

- Babsie Muller & Rita Niehaus -

Attje is in Nederland gebore en het in 1956 saam met die Hollandse Ambassade in die Kaap aan wal gestap.

Sy het nie lank daarna getrou met Herman Brummelkamp. Hul het twee kinders gehad. Ongelukkig is sy drie jaar na die huwelik as weduwee agtergelaat. So gaan sy terug na Holland, maar besluit tog om haar kinders 'n Suid-Afrikaanse opvoeding te gee.

Na 14 jaar as weduwee tree sy in die huwelik met Fred Schönborn.

In 1978 vestig hulle hul hier in Prince Albert en het al die jare in Jan Louwstraat gewoon. Sy het altyd gesê daar is net een plek om te bly en dit is Prince Albert.

Saam met Fred was hul baie betrokke by die kerk en die gemeenskap. Sy was 'n wonderlike, gelowige omgee-mens, veral by Huis Kweekvallei.

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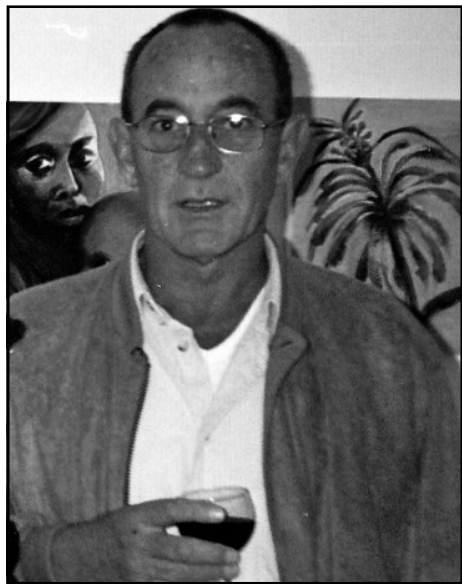
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A Tribute to John de Smidt



John de Smidt

- MaryAnne Botha, JP Meyer, Kevin Jacobs and Jennifer Cohen -

On his third visit to Prince Albert in 2002, John de Smidt came to paint.

Wearing a wide brimmed sunhat, John would drive out into the wide open landscape and sketch the changing light reflecting off clouds and grass and rocky outcrops, completing large charcoal drawings on site. Back in the studio he would compose a painting paying close attention to details. His use of colour was both naturalistic and heightened.

His studios were in the Craggs and in Prince Albert and there, with Gus and Daisy and other beloved dogs before them, he welcomed his friends for a cup of coffee, tea or, depending on the time of day, red wine. His sweet tooth was renowned.

John was a searcher and his conversation was probing. Little small talk prefaced discussions of art, religion, or philosophy, questions he did not see as separate. And his art reflected his demeanour - no matter how he altered his style or technique; it was never explosive, never profane. It was a coupling of heart and art that was always there.

When speaking of art, he often expressed

his love for the beauty of masterful painting: he was moved to tears by the beauty of the Quattrocento painters in Florence and was stunned by the simple yet skilful figure drawings of Matisse. John also respected the South African tradition of landscape painting, from Pierneef to Bertha Everard and Adolph Jentsch.

The Karoo landscape is recognizable in John's paintings yet they are abstract representations – the brushstrokes refer to the structural qualities of observed rocks and plants, and at the same time these build the units of the painting itself. "This is what I see, but I select and translate freely. The rules for abstraction parallel those in reality," he once said.

Initially he chose to depict Karoo landscapes with little human imprint, then he introduced built structures like a dam or a lonely farmstead into his landscape. And then figures appeared - walkers on a gravel road or two people crossing paths in the veld. John was not concerned with representing the sublime, not timeless infinite space but an accommodation between people and the environment.

John had been a practising artist since the 1970s. He sold his family's jewellery business in Kimberly in the early 90s and held his first exhibition at the William Humphreys Art Gallery in 2004.

Always generous with his time, advice and sharing even the secret to mixing a certain magical colour, John was continuously, infectiously excited by the thousands of

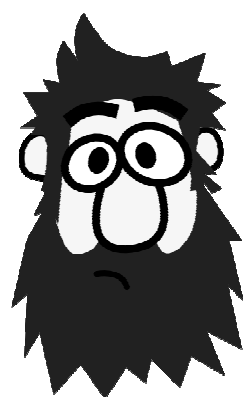
small discoveries artists make when rendering an image. He was young at heart, ready with that smoky, chesty laugh of his to see the humour in himself and the world around him.

Even so, the second half of 2011 was a trying time for John and it was reflected in the lingering inability to work or to paint, as he said. He was looking for a new way to look, to work; a new way of expressing, a new way to think about content and personal meaning.

He had a major breakthrough after he completed a complex painting on fracking. The Karoo landscape remained his subject, but his focus now shifted from the traditional, macroscopic vantage point to an almost microscopic gaze. His new paintings magnified the structures, configurations, fractures and the rich colours of small pieces of shale, rock and stone which he collected on the many walks he took with his dogs. Exploring a more abstract image taking inspiration from these fragments of rock, he rendered this inner landscape with sureness and power. They are large, magnificent works which can only be created by an eye that can look and see deeply and a heart that understands colour.

John collapsed on one of those walks at the Craggs on the 28 January 2012. His death leaves a large hole in our small town and he will be sorely missed.

With contributions from Elaine Hurford and Lorna Verran.



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Herman en Jana van der Walt (Foto: Louis Botha)

Jana en Herman het mekaar vyftien jaar gelede in Prince Albert ontmoet en dit was net gepas dat hulle ewige trou aan mekaar sou beloof in hierdie idilliese dorpie.

Jana Serfontein en Herman van der Walt is op 28 Januarie 2012 in die huwelik bevestig deur Ds. Chris Briers.

Familie en vriende het van heinde en verre

gekom om hierdie fees mee te maak; almal is dit eens dat hulle lanklaas so 'n mooi gebeurtenis beleef het waar geluk, vreugde, liefde en genade die dag verhelder het.

Die gasvryheid van *Vergeet-my-niet*, *Die Kuierhuis* en *Olienhof* was voortreflik en is baie geniet en 'n klomp harte is aangeraak deur die skilderagtige natuurskoon van die Swartbergpas en die omgewing.

Jana sê: "Baie dankie vir elkeen wat 'n bydrae gemaak het om die dag vir ons spesiaal te maak. Baie dankie aan my beste vriendin, Wilmi Dippenaar, wat alles langafstand vanaf George gereël het en ook aan almal wat sy bymekaar gebring het om ons groot dag so onvergeetlik te maak."

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Actor Mark Ruffalo supports TKAG



Anti-fracking activist and actor, Mark Ruffalo

Hollywood actor Mark Ruffalo has thrown his support behind South African anti-fracking group Treasure Karoo Action Group (TKAG).

"A bridge has been built between the United States and South Africa in the global anti-fracking movement," said Ruffalo, as he revealed that American anti-fracking lobby group Water Defense and Treasure Karoo Action Group (TKAG) have formalised their relationship.

The Oscar-nominated actor (*The Kids*

Are All Right) confirmed that he had accepted a position on the board of TKAG and that TKAG chairman, Jonathan Deal would join the board of Water Defense, an American Non-Government Organisation that Ruffalo founded to raise awareness of the need to "end fossil fuel addiction and protect our dwindling global supply of clean water."

"Fracking is a global threat and it requires a global response. A year ago, because of what was happening in the US, South Africans were able to alert their government to the risks of fracking, and they succeeded in putting the brakes on the process in their country. Now there is international interest in what happens with licence applications to frack in South Africa," said Ruffalo.

"We intend to cooperate with and support TKAG on all levels, including ensuring that fundraising efforts are directed where they are most needed. It is a fact that environmental NGO's have to oppose global giant corporations who have virtually unlimited budgets to push their corporate agendas. We believe that this first bridge will result in an effective global coalition between continents, countries and ordinary people opposing fracking".

'n Bedrywige sportkwartaal in Prince Albert

- Dirk Visser -

Prince Albert Primêr se sport het op 2 Februarie afgeskop met ons kleurebyeenkoms op Odendaal Sportgronde waar die leerders aan velditems deelgeneem het. Die kleurebyeenkoms is voltooi op 4 Februarie met die baannommers op Zwartberg se veld.

Bykans 200 leerders het in totaal aan die byeenkomste deelgeneem en 78 is deur na die eerste sonebyeenkoms in Oudtshoorn. 'n Verdere 21 het die finale Oudtshoorn proewe gehaal. Die Oudtshoorn proewe, waar al die Karoo skole deelneem, was soos gewoonlik 'n baie aangename dag. Ons het ook ongewone koel weer gehad wat darem die beamptes se taak ook vergemaklik het.

Daar is ook 'n intensiewe landloop program begin by Prince Albert Primêr en alle leerders in die dorp wat belangstel om by die program aan te sluit, kan die skool kontak om in te skakel by die landloop.

Die skool se krieket is ook volstroom aan die gang en die leerders is baie entoesiasies. Ons 0/13 span sluit talle 0/11's en 0/12's in en hulle het tot dusver slegs een van hul ligawedstryde verloor. Ons verwag dus dat die klompie in 'n gedugte span sal ontwikkel.

Mnr. D. Van Schalkwyk wat vanjaar by ons aangesluit het, het ook baie bygedra tot die sukses van ons krieketspan.

Sodra ons krieket seisoen tot 'n einde kom sal ons weer volstroom met rugby begin. Ons beplan om vanjaar met ons 0/13 span te toer indien ons die nodige finansies kan bekom. Ons wil dus 'n beroep doen op almal om ons fondsinsamelingspogings te ondersteun sover moontlik.



Prince Albert Primêr Biblioteeknuus

- Linda Fodor -

Ons lees lekker by P A Primêr

Ons biblioteek het al weer 'n hele klomp nuwe boeke gekry en ons geniet al die nuwe stories en prente.

Laas jaar het die Prince Albert Kunstgalerie ook vir ons R1200 geskenk en Brent het die pragtige kunsboeke aan ons oorhandig. Ons leerders hou van teken en hierdie boeke dien as aanspooring om kuns te waardeer.

Baie dankie aan Brent!

Reading Buddies en Leestjommies

Ons is opsoek na mense in die gemeenskap wat kan kom luister hoe mooi ons lees! U hoef nie 'n onderwyser te wees nie, net iemand wat met aandag kan luister as 'n leerder vir u lees en dan die storie te bespreek. Enige persoon is welkom. Die lees sal tydens skoolure wees. Neem net 30 minute uit u dag en maak 'n groot verskil in die lewe van 'n kind!

Ons sal binnekort 'n inligtingssessie by die Prince Albert Primêr Biblioteek. Ek hoop om u daar te sien!

Hoërskool Zwartberg Atletiek

- Christelle Smit -

Die jaar het begin en soos gewoonlik het ons begin atletiek oefen.

KLEURE-ATLETIEKBYEENKOMS

Op Vrydag, 27 Januarie, het die hele skool saamgetrek om die dag op die atletiekbaan deur te bring. Die atlete was reg om te wys wat daar in hul steek. Daar was vier spanne wat op die baan meegeding het met mekaar. Dit was die Goudspan en die Rooispan van die Hoërskool Zwartberg, die Groenspan van Albert College en die span van Prince Albert Primêr.

Dit was 'n suksesvolle dag waarin elke atleet sy beste gegee het. Daar is 'n paar rekords verbeter. By die verspring het Amwill Maans en Beulah Berdien van die Rooispan en Farai Bloemendal van die Groenspan hul staal gewys en elkeen die rekord in hul onderskeie oudersgroepe verbeter.

Aan die einde van die byeenkoms was dit die Rooispan wat geseëvier het. 'n Paar pryse is oorhandig en Emilio Jantjies is aangewys as die junior *Victor Ludorum*, Ruben Booysen as die senior *Victor Ludorum*, Rochelle Adolf as die junior *Victrix Ludorum* en Jadine Konstabel as die senior *Victrix Ludorum*. Die beste enkelprestasie junior dogter, Rochelle Adolf, junior seun, Amwill Maans, senior dogter Yrika Opperman en senior seun Corbin Pienaar

SOK-BYEENKOMS

Die volgende Saterdag sou Hoërskool Zwartberg se atletiekspan gaan deelneem aan die SOK-byeenkoms in Joubertina, maar ongelukkig kon die byeenkoms nie plaasvind nie as gevolg van reën. Die byeenkoms is egter die volgende Woensdag gehou.

Vyf skole het daaraan deelgeneem. Hoërskool Zwartberg het weer eens bewys dat hulle oor 'n goeie atletiekspan beskik, want die atlete was terug met heelwat medaljes.

Dertien goue medaljes, twaalf silwer medaljes en nege brons medaljes is verower. Die beste 0/10 en 0/14 seun van die dag kom ook uit die Hoërskool Zwartberg se span. Hulle was onderskeidelik Edwin Cupido en Amwill Maans

SONE-BYEENKOMS VIR LAERSKOLE

Saterdag, 18 Februarie het vyf laerskool leerders en vier onderwysers vertrek om aan die tweede rondte van die SONE-BYEENKOMS VIR LAERSKOLE te gaan deelneem.

Elke atleet het sy beste gelever. Edwin Cupido en Cheryl Pieterse is opgeneem in die Oudtshoorn-skole atletiekspan wat Saterdag, 25 Februarie aan die SWD-byeenkoms gaan deelneem.

Ons beste wense vergesel hulle.

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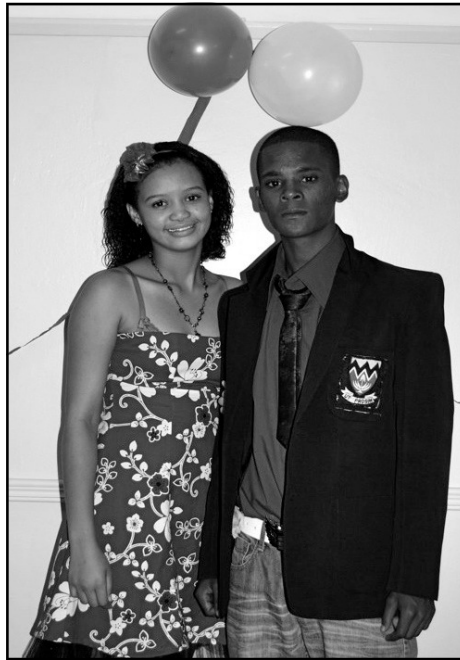
- Christelle Smit -

Na lang gewag het Valentynsdag uiteindelik aangebreek. Dit was amper soos die koshuisafskeid geleentheid. Die eetsaal is getooi in rooi en elkeen in die koshuis het vrolik ingepas met hul verskeidenheid rooi tabberts.

Paartjies het hand-aan-hand die saal binnegekom en by die keurig versierde tafels gaan plaasneem om 'n geurige ete te nuttig. Die bes geklede paartjie is aangewys en Stephanie Jones en Ruben Booysen het gewen.

Na die ete het al die hoërskoolleerders vertrek na die skoolsaal waar hulle 'n lekker Valentynsokkie gaan bywoon het.

Almal het weer eens Valentynsdag baie geniet en sien uit na volgende jaar.



Stephanie Jones en Ruben Booysen

Uitstappie na Fransie Pienaar Museum

Die Gr. 7-klas van die Hoërskool Zwartberg het op Woensdag, 8 Februarie, saam met Mev. Theresa de Wit, hul Sosiale Wetenskap-onderwyser, 'n uitstappie na die plaaslike museum onderneem. By die museum aangekom, is almal verras met 'n koue koeldrank. Dankie Tannie Lydia!

Hierna het Christelene Esterhuizen vertel van fossiele. Almal is in groepe verdeel en het fossiele uit klei gemaak. Hierna het Christelene almal na die fos-

sielkamer geneem en die fossiele wat plaaslik gevind is uitgewys.

Daarna het Melony Moos uitgebrei oor die Khoi-San. In die Khoi-San kamer het sy al die artefakte in verband met die Khoi-San gewys.

Volgens die leerders was dit 'n baie leersame en lekker uitstappie. Sommiges kon selfs sweer iemand het aan hul skouer gevat!

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Austin Smith VS Anakin Skywalker



Michy Mullins and Sarah Modra with Austin Smith, captain of the SA Men's Hockey team

- Michy Mullins -

On Saturday, 11 February, Albert College students, Matthew, Abigail, Christopher, Hannah, Sarah and I set off for Cape Town, in a Bantam bakkie. We went especially to watch South Africa play Great Britain in an International Men's Hockey game, only to find that it was no longer open to the public due to confusion over safety issues at the venue. Suddenly all the excitement was lost, until we found out that we were able to go and watch South Africa play a Dutch Hockey Club the following day. We were once again filled with excitement, and couldn't wait for the next day.

Early Sunday morning we enjoyed a breakfast fit for a king, with a serving of pancakes on the side. We quickly made a poster to support our team, rushed down the stairs and packed the bakkie, and off we went.

When we arrived we were greeted by the

manager of the club where the game was being played. The players of both teams were getting ready for the match. We sat in the scorching hot sun, waiting patiently until finally the whistle blew. A great roar of excitement spread through the crowd!

It was a hard fought game on the turf, sticks clashing, balls flying and crowds cheering, with a final score of 3-all.

After the game Sarah and I made our way onto the field to see if we could get an opportunity to speak to the players and get some autographs. We felt a bit lost amongst the Dutch team, because we couldn't understand what they were saying due to their heavy accents. We stood around waiting while South Africa had their team talk before we could go over and speak to them.

We managed to get all the players signatures, and we even spoke to some of them. They were absolutely amazed that we had come all the way from Prince Albert, a 5-hour drive, just to watch them play hockey! We were lucky enough to get a photo with the captain, Austin Smith. Unfortunately we then had to leave for we had a long drive ahead of us. It was a day I will never forget, and I am very glad I was able to go!

P.S. The highlight of the trip for Matthew and Christopher was watching Star Wars Episode 1 in 3D, which the girls also had to endure! Final score: Austin Smith 4 – Anakin Skywalker 2!

(Michy Mullins is a Grade 7 learner at Albert College)

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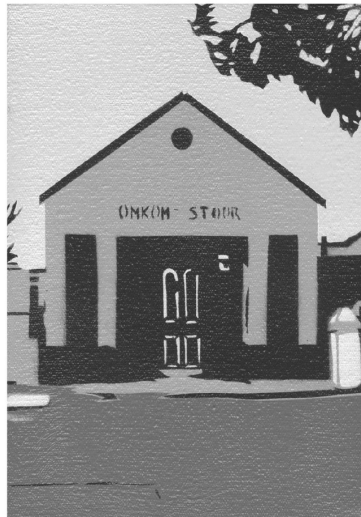
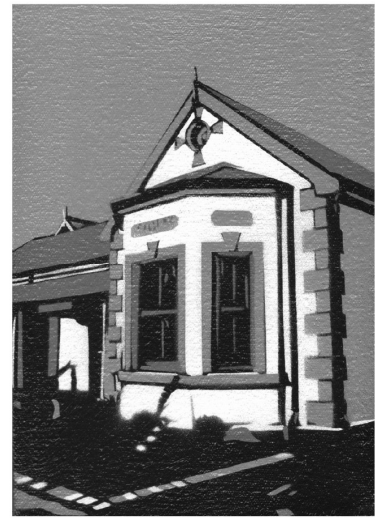
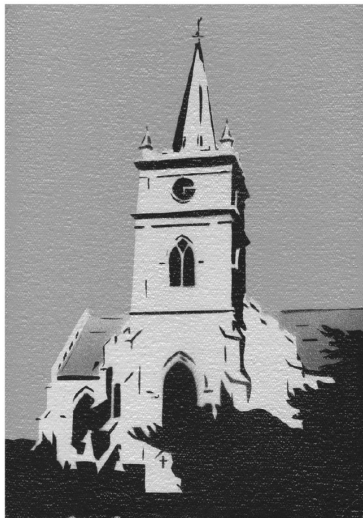
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